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MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SATELLITES

SOVIET FORCES IN RUMANIA, HUNGARY, AND AUSTRIA -- Izmir, Anadolu, 11 Jan 53

Vienna, 10 January -- According to reliable information, the Soviets have at present a total military force of 15 divisions in Rumania, Hungary, and Austria. There are six divisions in Austria, of which three are ground forces, namely, infantry, antiaircraft, and motorized divisions. The remaining three are two bomber divisions and one fighter plane division.

SOVIET MILITARY UNITS IN BULGARIA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 22 Feb 53

It has been reported that new Soviet military units have arrived in Dobrudzha, Bulgaria.

SOVIET OFFICERS ARRIVE IN ALBANIA -- Salonica, Makedonia, 20 Mar 53

Albanian refugees in Greece reported that 10 days ago, Soviet officers arrived in Albania; also, war materiel was transported into Albania, intended for Sazan Island, where fortifications are being built by Soviet engineers. The Soviet officers and war materiel are being transported by air to the two large airfields that have been constructed in the area of Gjinckaster. The same refugees also said that rumors in Albania mention Soviet submarines in the Albanian ports of the Adriatic.

The refugees also reported that both the Yugoslav and Albanian guards have been strengthened at the Albanian-Yugoslav frontier and that Albanian officers have executed some of their soldiers because they attempted to escape to Yugoslavia. The Albanian frontier guards on the Greek-Albanian frontier were recently replaced.

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ALBANIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASED -- Istanbul, Aksam, 28 Dec 52

Munich, 27 December -- Military ground activity was reported to have increased recently in the Rodoni area of northern Albania. The poor caliber of the Albanian officers' uniforms and equipment was also noted.

FOOD, CLOTHING SHORTAGES IN BULGARIAN ARMY -- Izmir, Yeni Asir, 13 Jan 53

Munich, 12 January -- Serious shortages of food and clothing have been reported in the Bulgarian Army. Recruits write letters, which they mail secretly, to their homes, asking for food and articles of clothing.

BULGARIAN ARMY CALLED MOST POWERFUL IN SATELLITES -- Beirut, L'Orient, 15 Jan 53

An article by Michel Constantin, entitled, "Menace on the Dardanelles," claims that the Bulgarian Army is the most powerful of the armies of the Satellite states, outclassing those of Greece and Yugoslavia and constituting a danger to Turkey. Although exact information is not available, the article continues, there is every reason to believe that the number of armed forces (limited to 65,000 by the Treaty of Paris) has gone far beyond 200,000, if the Border Guard and the Labor Service are included. This figure does not take into consideration the number of reservists, who are called for a period of military service at least once every 3 years. The number of artillery weapons is more than 1,000 and is very probably close to 1,500. The number of antiaircraft weapons is about 2,000. Bulgarian armored units have about 600 T-34 tanks and also certainly a number of Stalin tanks (60 tons). Although the navy is insignificant, the air force has about 250 combat aircraft, including the YAK-9, IL-12 and P-2.

"SECRET" BULGARIAN ARMY IN OPERATION -- Izmir, Anadolu, 24 Feb 53

Berne, 23 February 1953 -- The Bulgarian Army is composed of nine divisions, two of which are armored. The total army strength is 230,000. In addition to the official army, there is another army in Bulgaria operating secretly [sic] under the name of DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation). The leader of this latter army is General Ivan Kinov [present chief is Lt Gen Dobri Terpeshev]. Every Bulgarian who has completed his or her 13th year is compelled to enlist in this army and to participate in military training once a month.

CHANGES IN BULGARIAN ARMY -- Nicosia, Istiklal, 27 Mar 53

Belgrade -- Changes have taken place in the arms distribution method in the Bulgarian Army. In accordance with the new regulation, Bulgarian soldiers will no longer keep their rifles with them in the barracks but will turn them in after drills and will receive them from the armory prior to each drill.

BULGARIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH GIVEN MILITARY TRAINING -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 1 Mar 53

Bulgarian youth have been classified into various categories according to each individual's activity and devotion to Communism. Most of the fanatic Communist members bear the distinctive mark "Popular Gunner" or "Anti-Air

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and Chemical Defense" and belong to the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth. This union has 900,000 members. Sixty percent of the members are youths who have had special military training, which is referred to as "training in target practice." The remaining youths in this union are given pilot, submarine, radio, and parachute training. A total of 25 million leva has been spent to finance this training.

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